# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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EXTENSION OF DFID ASSISTANCE IN ORISSA
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to extend DFID (Department for International Development) assistance in health sector in Orissa, beyond 2001-2003;

(b) whether in view of the poverty of Orissa the Government propose for a special package of 100 percent Central assistance health projects in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c): A Department For International Development (DFID) assisted Orissa Health & Family Welfare Reform project under implementation since September 1997, will come to an end on 30th June 2002. A proposal for interim DFID assistance for Orissa Health Sector Reform Plan for a period of two years from July, 2002 was received.Comments of the Ministry on the proposal have since been conveyed to the State Government with a request to send a complete proposal with all required information for transmission to the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission.In addition, a Concept Note for long term DFID support for Health Sector as a whole, received from the Government of Orissa has since been forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs for its consideration and onward transmission to DFID for starting a dialogue with the State Government for designing and appraisal of the proposed project.